UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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JEFFREY WITHAM Plaintiff,

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v.

CITY OF SALEM, MAYOR STANLEY USOVICZ, OFFICER PATRICIA MURPHY, CHIEF ROBERT ST. PIERRE, OFFICER DUBIEL and OFFICER SHAFFAVAL, Defendants,

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

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To: United States District Court
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The petition of the defendants, assert:

- 1. On or about January 28, 2005, plaintiff commenced a civil action against the defendants in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Essex, entitled <u>Jeffrey</u> Witham v. City of Salem, et al., Essex Superior Court CA No. 05-C-0171. A copy of the Complaint, and the Summons served on the defendant is attached hereto.
- 2. The above-described action is a civil action of which this Court has original jurisdiction under the provisions of 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, and is one which may be removed to this Court by the defendants pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. Section 1441. This is an action alleging claims including those arising out of the Constitution of the United States. The defendants file this Notice of Removal within thirty (30) days of receipt of plaintiff's Complaint and service of Summons upon them pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1446(b).
- 3. Written notice of the filing of this Notice shall be promptly served upon the plaintiff and filed with the Clerk of the Essex County Superior Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1446(d).

WHEREFORE, petitioners respectfully pray that the action now pending against them in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in and for the County of Essex, be removed to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Signed and sworn to under the penalties of perjury this $\frac{1}{2}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$, 2005.

Defendants,

By their Attorney.

Douglas I. Louison BBO# 545191 James W. Simpson, Jr. BBO#634344 MERRICK, LOUISON & COSTELLO 67 Batterymarch Street Boston, MA 02110 (617) 439-0305

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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MacLachlan, Esquire, MACLACHLA	AN & ALLEN, LLP, 201 Washington Street, Suite 4,
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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT. You need not appear personally inscent to arower the complaint, but if you claim to have a defense, either you or your altorney must some a copy of your written arower within 20 days as specified herein and also file the original in the Clerk's Office (TO PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: Please Circle Type of Action Involved: - TORT - MOTOR VEHICLE TORT -CONTRACT - EQUITABLE RELIEF - OTHER.)

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City of Salem: Stanley Usoriez; Officer Retricie Murphy Derendant(s) officer Robert St. Pierre; Officer Dubiel; Officer Sheffaun)

SUMMONS

To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon John Machachico plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 201 Washington St. Ste. 4, Salem MA 01970 an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Clerk of this court at Salem Superior ... either before service upon plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13 (a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

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JEFFERY WITHAM; Plaintiff

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COPY

COMPLAINT

BACKGROUND FACTS

- 1. That the Plaintiff, Jeffrey L Witham, resides at 126 Boston Street, City of Salem, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 2. That the Defendant, Officer Patricia Murphy, was a police officer on the Salem Police Department on May 25, 2003 and is incorporated herewith in her individual capacity.
- 3. That the Defendant, Officer Dubiel, was a police officer on the Salem Police Department on May 25, 2003 and is incorporated herewith in his individual capacity.
- 4. That the Defendant, Officer Shaffaval, was a police officer on the Salem Police Department on May 25, 2003 and is incorporated herewith in his individual capacity.
- 5. That the Defendant, Robert St. Pierre, was the Chief of Police for the Salem Police Department on May 25, 2003 and is incorporated herewith in his individual capacity.
- 6. That the Defendant, Stanley Usovicz, is the Mayor for the City of Salem and is incorporated herewith in his official capacity.
- 7. That the Defendant, City of Salem, is an established municipality in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

- 8. That on May 25, 2003, Defendant, Officer Murphy, was dispatched to take a report at 130 Boston Street for a possible violation of a restraining order.
- That on May 25, 2003, Defendant, Officer Dubiel, was dispatched to take a report at 130 Boston Street for a possible violation of a restraining order.
- 10. That on May 25, 2003, Defendant, Officer Shaffaval, was dispatched to assist in the arrest of Defendant, Jeffery Witham, at 130 Boston Street for a possible violation of a restraining order.
- 11. That on May 25, 2003 a 209A Domestic Restraining order was in effect between Lee-Ann Curran and Jeffrey L. Witham forbidding the Plaintiff to come within 25 yards of Lee-Ann Curran.
- 12. That on or around 12:30 a.m. on May 26, 2003 Officer Murphy knocked on the back door of 126 Boston Street and was permitted to enter the house by the Plaintiff's mother Nancy Witham.
- 13. That Officer Murphy questioned Nancy Witham regarding the location of the Plaintiff and was informed by Nancy Witham that the Plaintiff was sleeping in his bedroom.
- 14. That Officer Murphy went to the Plaintiff's bedroom after being instructed with regards to the Plaintiff's whereabouts.
- 15. That the Plaintiff was awoken by Officer Murphy's voice explaining that he had violated a 209A § 7 court order forbidding him from coming within 100 yards of Lee-Ann Curran.
- 16. That officer Murphy informed the Plaintiff that he was under arrest for the violation of a 209A § 7 court order forbidding him from coming within 100 yards of Lee-Ann Curran.
- 17. That the Plaintiff sat up in his bed holding the restraining order with both hands and attempted to explain to Officer Murphy that the restraining order was only for 25 yards.
- 18. That Officer Murphy responded by placing a handcuff on one of the Plaintiff's wrists.
- 19. That Officer Murphy spun the Plaintiff around so that he was face down on his bed with his free arm located under his body.
- 20. That Officer Murphy placed her weight on his body immobilizing the Plaintiff's ability to move the arm.
- 21. That Officer Murphy asked repeatedly for the Plaintiff to release his arm from under his body.

- 22. That the Plaintiff was unable to comply because the weight of Officer Murphy's body had effectively pinned his arm under his body, thus making it impossible for him to comply with the officer's request.
- 23. That the Plaintiff repeatedly informed Officer Murphy, in response to her requests, that he was unable to comply with her request to give her his other arm.
- 24. That in response to the Plaintiff's inability to comply with Officer Murphy's request she withdrew her body weight from the Plaintiff's body and sprayed the Plaintiff with pepper
- 25. That upon being sprayed the Plaintiff fell off the bed and placed his free hand over his
- 26. That Officer Murphy grabbed the hair on the left side of the Plaintiff's head and repeatedly hit his head against the metal part of the bed frame.
- 27. That, while the Plaintiff was on the ground, Officer Murphy repeatedly struck the Plaintiff on various parts of the body including, but not limited to, the head and torso.
- 28. That Officer Dubiel observed the conduct of Officer Murphy while the Plaintiff's parents requested that he intervene to control the situation.
- 29. That Officer Dubiel entered the room and assisted Officer Murphy in placing the handcuff on the Plaintiff's free arm.
- 30. That the Plaintiff did not attempt to resist the officers at any time during the arrest.
- 31. That the officers stood Plaintiff, Jeffrey Witham, up by pulling his arms, which were handcuffed behind his back, over his head.
- 32. That the officers dragged the Plaintiff out of his house backwards while holding his arms well above his head.
- 33. That the Plaintiff was assisted by Officer Shaffaval during the arrest.
- 34. That the Plaintiff was wearing only his underwear while being dragged into the street and accompanied to the Police Station.
- 35. That on May 26, 2003, the Plaintiff was admitted to the North Shore Medical Center Salem Hospital Emergency Department for back trauma, neck pain and injury, and abrasions to his feet, back legs, back, arms, and bruises to the forehead and torso.
- 36. That the Plaintiff suffers from anxiety and fear as a result of Officers Murphy, Dubiel, and Shaffaval's conduct during the arrest.

- 37. That the Defendant, Officer Murphy, was currently under an investigation by the Salem Police Department for her conduct in prior arrests.
- 38. That the Defendant, Officer Murphy, was under an investigation for her conduct as a police officer, regarding other various incidents in her capacity as a police officer.
- 39. That Officer Dubiel, Officer Shaffaval, Chief Robert St. Pierre, the Town of Salem, and Mayor Stanley Usovicz were aware of Officer Murphy's pattern of conduct and ongoing investigations.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I (Assault and Battery)

- 40. The Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges by reference the allegations of paragraphs one through thirty-nine.
- 41. That as a result of the conduct of Officers Murphy and Dubiel, the Plaintiff Jeffrey Witham was put in apprehension of imminent bodily harm.
- 42. That Officers Murphy and Dubiel used intentional, offensive, and unprivileged force on the Plaintiff, Jeffery Withem.
- 43. That the use of threats and the use of force by Officers Murphy and Dubiel was excessive in the given situation.
- 44. That the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, suffered damages as a result of the conduct of the Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, demands judgment under Count I against the Defendants, Officer Murphy and Dubiel, in the amount of any and all of his damages incurred, plus interest and costs. Further the Defendants' actions were intentional and so extreme and outrageous as to require the imposition of punitive damages.

COUNT II (Violation of Massachusetts Civil Rights M.G.L. c. 12 8111)

- 45. That the Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges by reference the allegations of paragraphs one through thirty-nine.
- 46. That the Plaintiff was placed in fear of injury and suffered damages by the intentional and excessive force used by Officers Murphy and Dubiel while they were acting under the color of state law.

- 47. That such excessive force violated the Plaintiff's clearly established civil right against unreasonable seizure.
- 48. That the Plaintiff suffered damages as a result of the conduct of the Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, demands judgment under Count II against the Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel, in the amount of any and all of his damages incurred, plus interest, costs and attorney fees. Further the Defendants' actions were intentional and so extreme and outrageous as to require the imposition of punitive damages.

COUNT III (Violation of Federal Civil Rights 42 U.S.C.A. §1983)

- 49. The Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges by reference the allegations of paragraphs one through thirty-nine.
- 50. The Plaintiff was placed in fear of injury and suffered damages by the intentional and excessive force used by Officers Murphy and Dubiel while they were acting under the color of state law.
- 51. That such excessive force violated the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham's, Fourth Amendment Constitutional Rights against unreasonable seizure.
- 52. That the Plaintiff suffered damages as a result of the conduct of the Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, demands judgment under Count III against the Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel, in the amount of any and all of his damages incurred, plus interest, costs and attorney fees. Further the Defendants' actions were intentional and so extreme and outrageous as to require the imposition of punitive damages.

COUNT IV (Reckless and Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress)

- 53. The Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges by reference the allegations of paragraphs one through thirty-nine.
- 54. That the Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel, knew or should have known that emotional distress was likely to result from their conduct toward the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham.
- 55. That the conduct was so extreme and outrageous and was utterly intolerable in a civilized community.
- 56. That Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel's, actions toward the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, were the cause of the Plaintiff's distress.

57. That the emotional distress sustained by the Plaintiff was severe and of a nature that no reasonable person could be expected to endure it.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, demands judgment under Count IV against the Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel, in the amount of any and all of his damages incurred, plus interest and costs. Further the Defendants' actions were intentional and so extreme and outrageous as to require the imposition of punitive damages.

COUNT V (Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress)

- 58. The Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges by reference the allegations of paragraphs one through thirty-nine.
- 59. That the Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel, knew or should have known that emotional distress was likely to result from their conduct toward the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham.
- 60. That the conduct was extreme and outrageous and was utterly intolerable in a civilized community.
- 61. That Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel's, actions toward the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, were the cause of the Plaintiff's distress.
- 62. That the emotional distress sustained by the Plaintiff was severe and of a nature that no reasonable person could be expected to endure it.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, demands judgment under Count V against the Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel, in the amount of any and all of his damages incurred, plus interest and costs. Further the Defendants' actions were intentional and so extreme and outrages as to require the imposition of punitive damages.

COUNT VI (False Imprisonment and Arrest)

- 63. The Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges by reference the allegations of paragraphs one through thirty-nine.
- 64. That Officers Murphy and Dubiel physically restrained the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham.
- 65. That the crime for which Officers Murphy and Dubiel physically restrained the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, was a misdemeanor.
- 66. That Officers Murphy and Dubiel had no reason to believe that the Plaintiff violated chapter 209A §7; had committed a felony; had committed a misdemeanor involving

abuse as defined in chapter 209A §1; or that the Plaintiff had committed an assault or battery.

67. That Officers Murphy and Dubiel had no reason to believe that anyone was placed in imminent fear or harm prior to the alleged violation of the restraining order.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, demands judgment under Count VI against the Defendants, Officers Murphy and Dubiel, in the amount of any and all of his damages incurred, plus interest and costs. Further the Defendants' actions were intentional and so extreme and outrageous as to require the imposition of punitive damages.

COUNT VII (Negligence - Town of Salem)

- 68. The Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges by reference the allegations of paragraphs one through thirty-nine.
- 69. That the Town of Salem and Mayor Stanley Usovicz were aware of the behavior and pattern of conduct of Officer Murphy.
- 70. That the failure to properly train, supervise, and remove Officer Murphy from active duty was a direct and proximate cause of the Plaintiff's injury.
- 71. That the Defendants, Town of Salem and Mayor Stanley Usovicz, have a duty to properly train, supervise, and remove an officer from active duty who is known to act in a way unbecoming an officer.
- 72. That the Plaintiff suffered damages as a result of the Defendants', Town of Salero and Mayor Stanley Usovicz's, actions.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, demands judgment under Count VII against the Defendants, the Town of Salem and Mayor Stanley Usovicz, in the amount of any and all of his damages incurred, plus interest and costs.

COUNT VIII (Negligence)

- 73. The Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges by reference the allegations of paragraphs one through thirty-nine.
- 74. That the Defendant, Chief Robert St. Pierre, was aware of the behavior and pattern of conduct of Officer Murphy.

- 75. That the failure to properly train, supervise, and remove Officer Murphy from active duty was a direct and proximate cause of the Plaintiff's injury.
- 76. That the Defendant, Chief Robert St. Pierre, has a duty to properly train, supervise, and remove an officer from active duty who is known to act in a way unbecoming an officer.
- 77. That the Plaintiff suffered damages as a result of the actions of Defendant, Chief Robert St. Pierre.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, demands judgment under Count VIII against the Defendant, Chief Robert St. Pierre, in the amount of any and all of his damages incurred, plus interest and costs.

COUNT IX (Negligence)

- 78. The Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges by reference the allegations of paragraphs one through thirty-nine.
- 79. That the Defendant, Officer Dubiel, was aware of the prior conduct of Defendant. Officer Murphy, and witnessed the behavior and conduct of Officer Murphy during the arrest of Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham.
- 80. That the failure to intervene during the arrest was a direct and proximate cause of the Plaintiff's injury.
- 81. That the Defendant, Officer Dubiel, had a duty to intervene during the arrest.
- 82. That the Plaintiff suffered damages as a result of the actions of Defendant, Officer Dubiel.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, demands judgment under Count IX against the Defendant, Officer Dubiel, in the amount of any and all of his damages incurred, plus interest and costs.

COUNT X (Negligence)

- 83. The Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges by reference the allegations of paragraphs one through thirty-nine.
- 84. That the Defendant, Officer Shaffaval, was aware of the prior conduct of Defendant, Officer Murphy, and witnessed the behavior and conduct of Officer Murphy during the arrest of Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham.
- 85. That the failure to intervene during the arrest was a direct and proximate cause of the Plaintiff's injury.

- 86. That the Defendant, Officer Shaffaval, had a duty to intervene during the arrest.
- 87. That the Plaintiff suffered damages as a result of the actions of Defendant, Officer Shaffaval.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, demands judgment under Count X against the Defendant, Officer Shaffaval, in the amount of any and all of his damages incurred, plus interest and costs.

JURY CLAIM

88. The Plaintiff, Jeffery Witham, claims a trial by jury of all claims asserted or hereafter asserted in the Complaint, and of all defenses asserted or hereafter asserted by any Defendant.

Dated: 1/28/05

Respectfully Submitted. The Plaintiff Jeffery Witham, By his Attorney,

John MacLachian Esq. MacLachien & Alien, LLP 201 Washington Street, Ste. 4 Salem, MA 01970

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